

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dana Early Gilliland of Burns.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Ms. Dana Early Gilliland of Burns; and

WHEREAS, Dana Gilliland was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Ms. Gilliland was raised in Dickson County, the daughter of Granville and JoAnn Early; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished graduate of Tennessee Technological University and the University of North Carolina, Ms. Gilliland was a talented musician and, upon receiving her master's degree, she used her gifts to teach the art of music to elementary school students in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, as a seventh grade teacher at Dickson Junior High School, Ms. Gilliland earned the esteem of colleagues, parents and students alike for her extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; she exemplified the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean as she sponsored the school's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program; and

WHEREAS, an active and vital part of the community and her profession, she was a member of the Nashville Symphony Chorus and the Association of Ladies of Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Ms. Gilliland demonstrated her strong faith as an active member of the Walnut Street Church of Christ, giving unreservedly of herself to the Youth Chorus and the Sunday School class under her charge; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gilliland enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Foy D. Gilliland; she was the proud parent of one son and one daughter, Seth Early Gilliland and Grace Bailey Gilliland; and

WHEREAS, although Ms. Gilliland has relinquished this life for a far greater existence, the legacy she leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to mourn the death while also celebrating the life of Dana Early Gilliland of Burns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Gilliland's family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.